

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC
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Replacement of Six Aging Computers
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Executive Summary

The Technology Award enabled the Medical Library to replace 6 of our older computers (software: Excel, Word, PowerPoint). The Medical Library also purchased Adobe Pro for the librarian to use. During the award period, the Medical Library moved, downsized and went virtual. The Medical Library/Library Office now is next door to the Physicians Lounge and shares space with the Physician's Lounge for study space and some of the computers. The Medical Residents now have their own Call Room several floors above the library after years of using the library as a second home. The six new computers were distributed: two in the Residents Call Room, three in the Physicians Lounge and one in the Medical Library (which ended up in the Physicians Lounge due to lack of space in the Medical Library's new space). The award has enabled many users to connect to the library through the computer placements. The access points outside of the Medical Library have increased Library use and access. I see the computers in constant use which is wonderful. Already, the IT Department has taken advantage of the computers and are doing all of the Physician CPOE training on the computers purchased in the Physician's Lounge. Afterward I see physicians staying on and using library resources electronically or walking through my door and asking questions. I also am pleased to report that the residents using the computers and sending requests to me electronically. They are happy about the new computers in their Call Room. Since the new computers were installed I have had very few computer-related complaints about crashing, stalling or being extremely slow.

With the remaining funding, the Medical Library purchased 2 iPad 3's, a cover and a keyboard. The librarian will be utilizing one of the iPads for rounding with Residents and teaching purposes at the Medical Center. The other iPad will be part of the Medical Library's initial iPad loaning program.

Minority Populations Served

African Americans: No
American Indians/Alaska Natives: No
Asian Americans: No
Hispanics/Latinos: No
Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders: No
Other: No

Approaches and Interventions Used

The goal was to replace slow and crashing computers which we did. We also has leftover monies from the award which we used to buy two iPads which will be used for education outreach by the Librarian and one will be used for loaning purposed for Medical Center staff.

Evaluation Activities

Due to the many changes happening to the Medical Library and Medical Center itself, the Library Evaluation that normally would have been done in the Spring has been postponed until all the moves are complete and everyone has had a chance to settle in and get comfortable in their new locations in the Medical Center.

Problems or Barriers Encountered

No barriers or difficulties.

Continuation Plans

NA

Impact

The impact of new computers has been very positive. Receiving a technology award helps keep the equipment up to date. Installing in locations where it can give access to groups who would access library information a lot has turned out to be a benefit and wonderful PR for the Medical Library. With the iPad I plan to round with the Residents and also visit different departments as well. I plan to loan out the other iPad to Medical Center Staff and help educate them on the iPad technology, different apps, etc.

Lessons Learned

NA

Other

NA

Attachment 1: AR summary data: Subcontractor activities